



# Dallas Center-Grimes Community School Mustang Monthly



“Empowering Students to Take Charge of Their Futures”

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## Joel Rankin Named Iowa Social Studies Teacher of the Year

By: Lori Phillips

Congratulations to Joel Rankin who was recently recognized as the 2015 Iowa Social Studies Teacher of The Year! Below you will find a few excerpts from Joel’s nomination:

“When one envisions a secondary social studies class, they typically think of names, dates, presidents and wars. Our eighth and ninth grade students at Dallas Center-Grimes, on the other hand, will tell you that social studies means suspense, intrigue, drama and discovery! They will share how they dress up with masks and wigs to role play significant historical events, how they visit far away people and places via Skype and YouTube videos, and how they are allowed to create their own alternative endings to consider how small factors such as friendships, the economy and even the weather have helped determine the results of significant historical events.

Joel is an exemplary educator, and even more importantly, a strong advocate for the young adolescent. He serves as a leader in planning advisory activities that meet the developmental needs of our students. He loves to act silly alongside the kids, willingly taking food in the face or participating in an ice bucket challenge. He plans every first day assembly, recruiting kids during the summer to help him create a rap that welcomes everyone back to school. Every single day thereafter, Joel consistently offers passion and enthusiasm for both his content and the students.

While Joel is highly creative and fun, he also understands the urgency to help our students reach the highest levels of learning. He collaborates with other social studies teachers to identify the essential learnings and to write common assessments. He holds our students to the highest expectations, while providing a variety of supports to help the kids reach them. He spends time before, after and even during breaks pulling students to reteach or retest. Joel maintains frequent parental communication, calling home when a student is lacking an understanding of the content. He also sends several positive notes to parents, encouraging their child’s efforts and sharing fun things their child did in his classroom.

“It was not until I met Joel and observed his social studies classes that I saw the true value and purpose in learning about the past. Throughout my time working with him, I have come to understand that there are better ways to learn the stories of our ancestors other than pure drill and lecture.”

The Meadows team and the entire DC-G family is extremely proud of Joel for earning this honor! His dedication to the educational profession is obvious and we are pleased that it is being recognized around the state!



### School Schedule at a Glance

**Wednesday, December 9** - 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal for Staff Professional Development  
**Monday, December 21 / Tuesday, December 22** - Semester Tests for Grades 9-12  
**Wednesday, December 23 through Friday, January 1** - No School for Winter Break  
**Monday, January 4** – School Resumes

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## SchoolMessenger Notification Service

The Dallas Center-Grimes School District is using SchoolMessenger as its Parent Notification system, a leading provider of notification services for parent outreach, emergency broadcasts, and other communications for education.

The SchoolMessenger system is designed to automatically notify parents for reasons that impact the safety and academic performance of students. SchoolMessenger will allow us to enhance our communication with additional features, such as text messages and individual parent control of who receives messages and how they are received.

## Class of 2012 Cumulative Records

It is time to clean out the storage room and cumulative records! The school keeps and maintains permanent records on every student forever but only keeps cumulative records for three years. We will be disposing of cumulative records for the **2012 graduation year**. If you graduated in 2012 and would like your cumulative record, you may pick it up at the high school office. Please call the high school office at 986-9747. Any cumulative records remaining by December 2015 will be destroyed.

## DCG Grads Making a Difference

Do you know a DCG graduate that is making a difference in our community/state/country/world? We'd like to start a tradition of recognizing our grads that have left our halls and gone on to make the world a better place – be it locally or worldwide. If you have someone who deserves recognition for the work they are doing, please email their name, year of graduation and some of their accolades to Cary Justmann at [cjustmann@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:cjustmann@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us).

## Iowa Sex Offender Registry

Many communities in Iowa, including Dallas Center and Grimes, have residents living in the community that are on the Iowa Sex Offender Registry. We are aware of residents living in Grimes and in Dallas Center that are on the sex offender register, although we no longer receive any official notification. We want to make you are aware of the situation so you can discuss it with your child(ren).

The sex offender register is available online at <http://www.iowasexoffender.com/>. Parents are encouraged to be aware of this information by accessing this website. If you do not have access to the Internet, or need assistance in accessing this information, please contact 992-3866. If you are unable to access this information, we will provide the information verbally or send copies of the information in the mail.

Please be aware that this notification is to serve only as a means for the public to protect themselves. Any action taken by anyone against these individuals, including vandalism of property, verbal or written threat of physical harm, or physical assault against these individuals or their family can result in arrest and prosecution.

## Nondiscrimination Statement

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), or socio-economic status (for programs) in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities or hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), §504 or Iowa Code §280.3 is directed to contact: Mitzi Chizek, 1414 Walnut St. Suite 200, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063, telephone: 515-992-3866, who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, §504 and Iowa Code §280.3.

## Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District Offices

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## Professional Development

Definition of Profession according to Merriam-Webster:

pro-fes-sion *noun*

“a calling requiring specialized knowledge and often long and intensive academic preparation.”

Teaching is a profession in every definition of the word. Teachers have intensive academic preparation and as important, ongoing learning. Many teachers pursue advanced degrees. 150/202 (74%) of our teachers have a degree over their Bachelor's degree.

Ongoing professional development to meet the needs of our students is of utmost importance. Staff members are given time to meet as Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) at least once a week for job embedded learning, data review, and planning. In addition, the early outs and full days provide time for staff to learn, collaborate and plan for the implementation of new research based strategies.

The elementary staff members are reflecting and thinking about how they can increase authentic reading, writing, and conversations across the school day. The focus of elementary professional development this school year is on effective whole group mini lessons and using data to form small group instruction.

The secondary staff members are learning how to align higher-level learning with higher-level assessments. The focus of secondary professional development this school year is on higher-level learning and assessment with increased rigorous reading and writing.

## Student Assistance Program (SAP)

### When to Call the SAP

You can count on the SAP for guidance and support. Call the SAP for issues that interfere with your daily activities, happiness, family stability or overall wellbeing. Some of the topics a SAP counselor can help you with are:

- School performance
- Stress
- Confusion
- Trouble with peers
- Alcohol and other drug problems
- Eating disorders
- Problem gambling concerns
- Dating and relationship issues
- Conflict, bullying or violence
- Depression or suicidal thoughts
- Family concerns

### How to Contact the SAP

There are two easy ways to participate in your SAP. You can call the SAP anytime, day or night, to talk to a counselor immediately over the phone. You can also call and set up an appointment to speak with a counselor face-to-face. Together, you and the counselor will identify steps you can take to help you find a solution to your concern.

If you'd like to set up an appointment, please call us at 515.244.6090 Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. or Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please don't hesitate to contact us. We're here for you. Call us today at 515.244.6090.

### Who will know I used the SAP?

Confidentiality is important to us. Within legal limits, no one will be given any information about your visit without your permission.

### Do I have to pay to use the SAP?

No, you can use the SAP for free. You'll receive counseling sessions and 24/7 telephone assistance at no cost to you. If additional resources are needed, the counselor works to ensure referrals are appropriate, beneficial and affordable.

### DC-G Mission Statement

#### **Empowering Students to Take Charge of Their Futures!**

The Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District is committed to developing positive, productive, and responsible citizens who are independent thinkers, value themselves and others, and have the knowledge, skills, and desire to be life-long learners. Excellence in education comes from setting high expectations for all and providing the resources needed for every student to excel

## 2015-2016 Driver's Education for Dallas Center-Grimes High School and Meadows

We will continue to offer four sessions of driver's education each year, if we have enough interest. The cost at the present time is \$320 for each session. Fees for out of district students are \$375. Students must be at least 14 years old and have a permit to sign up, as well as a signed parent permission slip. Students in grades 8-12 may sign up for each session. Usually the fall and spring session are the busiest. Please call the Meadows school office at 986-0105 to sign up your child for any of these programs. All payments and permission slips should be made or turned in before the first classroom. Payment plans may be arranged with the office. Below you will find information about the next session.

Winter Session 2016---The winter program will begin in early January and end before spring break in March. There will be a meeting in December to hand out information and collect payment. Classroom days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:45 to 8:00 a.m. Most students will drive during their study hall times. If this can't be worked out, before or after school times may be arranged. All students who drive during study halls will drive at least once on Saturday for 2 hours downtown Des Moines. Shuttle bus service from Dallas Center will also be available in the morning to bring students to classroom. Class size is limited to 40 students. Home school students are welcome. Classrooms held in the Meadows media center. If we don't have at least 12 students sign up the session will be cancelled until spring session.

**2014-15 School Year: Annual Progress Report (APR)  
Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District**

The Annual Progress Report is a report of our school district’s achievement for the previous school year. These can be viewed on the Iowa DE website (educateiowa.gov). In addition, we will provide information throughout the school year through the newsletter. This month, we are reporting reading achievement.

**Chapter 12 Improvement Goals Reading**

**Long-Range Goals from CSIP: 281--IAC 12.8(3)(b)(3)**

All reading programs and services will effectively and efficiently support and increase student learning, achievement, and performance.

**2014-2015 School Year Annual Goals: 281--IAC 12.8(3)(b)(4)**

Trend data shows that the percentage of students that are proficient and above in 6th grade Reading is inconsistent and does not demonstrate continuous improvement In 2013-14 the data shows that the percent of students proficient and above in 6th grade in Reading comprehension is 82.1% or 121/172 as measured by the Iowa Assessments. For the 2014-15 school year, the total percentage of students who are proficient and above will increase.

**Were the Annual Goals Met?**

Yes

**Supporting Data to demonstrate that the district has or has not met its goal:**

In 2013-2014, 82.1% of our sixth grade students were proficient and above in reading comprehension according to the Iowa Assessments. In 2014 -2015, the percentage of sixth grade students proficient and above in reading comprehension on the Iowa Assessments increased to 85.9%.

**2015-2016 School Year Annual Goal: 281--IAC 12.8(3)(b)(4)**

Trend data shows that the percentage of students that are proficient and above decrease as students move from 7th grade to 8th grade in reading comprehension. In 2014-15 the data shows that the percent of students proficient and above in 7th grade reading comprehension is 84.1% or 148/176 as measured by the Iowa Assessments. For the 2015-16 school year, the total percentage of students who are proficient and above in reading comprehension as measured by the Iowa Assessments for 8th grade will increase.

**Reading 2nd Assessment: Elementary Level Reading Assessment**

Reading comprehension is also measured in the elementary in grades K-5 by the Leveled Reading Assessments. The district determines an expected level of reading for each grade. During the 2011-12 school year the accuracy expectations for these assessments were raised for all students from 90% to 95%. For Kindergarten student the end of the year reading level was also raised to from Level B to C. Individualized reading assessments are given to each student. These assessments help teachers determine the level of text that a student should be using when working directly with the teacher, the instructional level. It also determines the independent reading level for each student. When a student reaches the grade level expectation, the student is considered to be proficient. In the 2014-2015 school year we gave the aReading portion of the Formative Assessment System for Teachers. This is a comprehension measure that we gave in grades 2-5. This is the data that is reported for 2014-2015.

**Reading Level Assessments**

	Spring 2011 New Baseline	Spring 2012	Spring 2013	Spring 2014	Spring 2015
K	81%	95%	88%	95%	-
1	85%	86%	92%	85%	-
2	85%	91%	86%	93%	78%
3	85%	93%	92%	96%	91%
4	87%	96%	92%	93%	91%
5	92%	85%	93%	91%	87%

**Scholastic Reading Inventory Data**

Scholastic Reading Inventory is a research-based, computer-adaptive reading assessment for Grades K–12 that measures students’ level of reading comprehension and reports it using the Lexile Framework for Reading. The data provided help educators identify struggling readers, plan for instruction, gauge the effectiveness of the curriculum, and demonstrate accountability.

2014-15	Below Basic	Basic/Proficient	Advanced
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3%	42%	55%
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3%	48%	49%

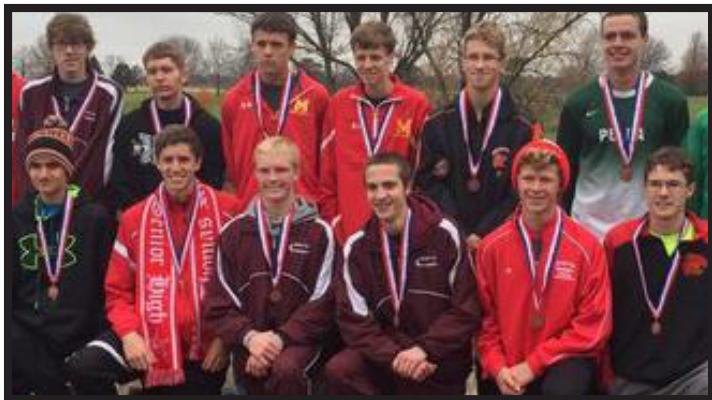
# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## Mustangs and Fillies Cross Country Teams Finish Fourth at State

The DC-G Boys and Girls Cross Country teams finished their outstanding seasons with best ever fourth place finishes in the Class 3A State Cross Country Meet at Fort Dodge on Saturday October 31.

The Mustangs finished with 138 points, finishing behind first place Mount Vernon-Lisbon and conference rivals Grinnell and Pella. Sophomore Alex Thompson finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall and 11<sup>th</sup> in team qualifiers to earn a medal for DC-G. Tyler Borneman finished 26<sup>th</sup>, Ean Followill was 31<sup>st</sup>, Jacob Cline finished 33<sup>rd</sup> and Blake Schaben came in at 37<sup>th</sup>. Jackson Rude and Jared Bravard also ran for DC-G.

The Fillies finished with 158 points, with a fourth place medal winning performance from sophomore Lexi Smith. Also scoring for DC-G were Sami Sterbenz placing 16<sup>th</sup>, Kaitlyn Murano in 17<sup>th</sup>, Natalie Paulson finishing 58<sup>th</sup>, and Addie Dannewitz in 65<sup>th</sup>. Also running for the Fillies were Jessica Pugh and Grace Robbins. Davenport Assumption with 131 points was the team champ, followed by Pella with 145, Dubuque Wahlert with 146, and then DC-G.



## Cheer Team Becomes Back to Back State Champs

The DC-G competition cheer team won their second straight Class 3A State Championship on Saturday, November 7 at the Jacobsen Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The group outdistanced Mount Pleasant and ADM to win the 3A title. Coaches for the group are Angie Rubel, Chrissy Deardorff and Kristin Gray. Congratulations to everyone involved!

## “Meals with Mentors” at the Iowa Science Center

By: Serena Connelly

“Meals with Mentors” is a wonderful and educational night for young women interested in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) career. This year “Meals with Mentors” was hosted at the Iowa Science Center on October 23 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Serena Connelly was there to represent DC-G!



The women who were hosting “Meals with Mentors” greeted everyone with a smile and simple directions, “Have fun and enjoy!” To begin the evening, the girls had the opportunity to experiment in the fun room of the Iowa Science Center while they met and talked to each other.

The mentors also mingled with the girls. They were genuinely interested in what each girl wants to do with her life and what her interests are. The mentors also shared with the girls what they do in their careers in STEM.

After visiting, everyone was escorted to the dining area. At every table there were around six girls, one professional woman with a STEM career, and one woman in her senior year of college. Sitting with the mentors gave the girls the opportunity to talk to them and gain in depth knowledge of their jobs. The women who work so hard in STEM, told the girls about their own personal jobs as well as other related jobs, giving the girls a variety of careers to think about.

During dinner a guest speaker shared her story of how she got into a STEM career. This year’s speaker was a gynecologist who works at the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. She called her success story “The Road to Happiness.” Her speech was very encouraging and informational.

After dinner, all the girls were put into new groups, allowing them the chance to meet and talk to more people, and were given a challenge. The group members were given a bucket of water and a shoebox full of random things. Sponges, pipe cleaners, paper clips and wood chips were just a few things in the box. Their challenge was to make something that was neutrally buoyant out of what they were given.

“Meals with Mentors” is an exceptionally fun and educational time for young women who are interested in a STEM career. Any girl who might be thinking about a career in STEM should find out more about “Meals with Mentors” and get involved. It was a fantastic experience for everyone there, and the food was delicious.

## DC-G Students Attend Reggie's Sleepout

On October 18, more than fifty DC-G high school students in conjunction with the NHS attended Reggie's Sleepout to raise awareness for homeless youth of Iowa. They brought cardboard boxes or tents and sleeping bags to spend a cold night sleeping under the stars at the Drake football field. The students raised nearly \$3000, placing them among the top 10 fundraisers out of 130 teams.



# FFA News

Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve

"Like" us on Facebook @ Dallas Center-Grimes FFA

## FFA Meetings

In the past, monthly FFA meetings have been held during school hours. Due to recent changes in the setup of advisory we are no longer able to have meetings during school. Meetings have been moved to 7:00 p.m. in order to allow athletes to complete practice, have time to clean up, and get something to eat. This will be our normal meeting time until further notice.

## FFA T-Shirts

The 2015-2016 FFA T-shirt will be a white shirt printed with black cow spots. An FFA emblem will be printed on the hip in pink with the words "Not just cows, sows, and plows" on the back, also in pink. The year "15-16" will be printed on the right sleeve and "Dallas Center-Grimes" on the left sleeve.

## 2015-2016 Officer Team

President- Laura Rauschenberg

Vice President- Nick Duckett

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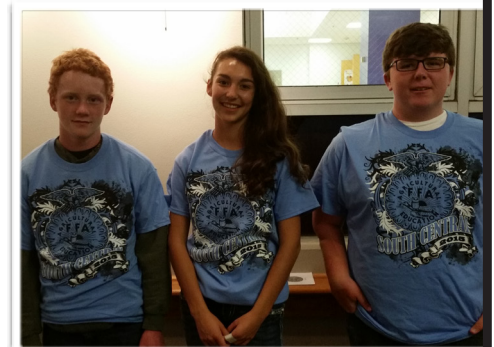


## Meet our New Teacher

We are excited to welcome our new agriculture teacher, Ms. Arkfeld to Dallas Center-Grimes! Ms. Arkfeld is a recent graduate of South Dakota State University where she earned her Bachelors degree in Agriculture Education and Agriculture Leadership with a minor in Animal Science. Ms. Arkfeld is a 2011 graduate of Harlan Community High School. While in high school, she was an active member of the Harlan FFA and participated in many Career Development Events, Leadership conferences, and served as a District FFA Officer. We are excited to have her bring her knowledge and passion for FFA to the Dallas Center-Grimes chapter!

## Greenhand Fire-Up

On Thursday, October 8, Joseph Watznauer, Brooke Lundy, and Michael Hein attended the District FFA Greenhand Fire-Up Conference. The conference is centered on working with freshmen and sophomore students, who are new to FFA, to get them excited about being apart of the National FFA Organization and seeing all of the benefits that the organization provides. While there, students had the opportunity to meet with other FFA members from the South Central FFA District, meet with District and State FFA Officers, and take part in multiple leadership workshops.



## Soil Judging

On October 6, students attended the District Soil Judging event in Knoxville. The event consisted of students taking a written exam on soil knowledge and judging four soil pits based on the soil makeup as well as land topography. The Dallas Center-Grimes Soils team earned the Silver rating at this event. The team consisted of Shelby Freestone, Jacob Prohaska, Alex Noble, Anthony Jacobsen, Keith Bohan, and Shelby Johnson.

## Drama Department Performed Fall Play “Altar Egos”

The Dallas Center-Grimes High School Drama Department presented its fall play, Altar Egos by Pat Cook on October 30 and 31.

When Mark (Rob Gomez) and Colleen (Mikayla Matteson) got engaged they agreed on a simple wedding, that is until their families got involved. The bride’s father (Aaron Mensing) offered his daughter thousands of dollars to elope. The wedding coordinator (Anne Becker) was a drill sergeant! The best man turned out to be an old hippie (Kole Hicok) and the father of the groom (Will Rothfus) dispensed advice that was more silly than sage.

The bride’s sister (Gracie Stephens) just wanted to take over her sister’s room and the two mothers (Elaina Bayse and Serena Connelly) literally duelled it out over the seating chart. Thrown into the mix was a referee (Connor McAninch), a tailor (Jayson Peitzman), the caterer (Isaac Lodwick), a ringmaster (Kole Hicok) and even an interpreter (Izzy Murry)! The plot thickened when attractive Maria (Claire Wessels), Mark’s former girlfriend, showed up. The bride called off the wedding.

The chaos finally got sorted out when mom (Tara Aldrich) arrived to make sense out of the whole mish-mash! This assortment of Altar Egos made this play a riotous spoof of the dos and don’ts of an American wedding!

The stage crew included: Ashtyn Chance, Andrew Thompson, Bethany Steilen, Elijah Price, Hannah Livingston, Delaney Smail, Nick Secory, Caiden Mandernach, Jake McGuire, Megan Eischeid and Jared Klaessey. The play was directed by Becky Coons.



## 2016-2017 High School Registration

Registration for the 2016-2017 year will begin the week of January 18 at the high school. A parent meeting will be held in the auditorium on Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. to provide additional information. Specific details on the registration process will be sent out in early January. Please call Mrs. Baker or Mr. Blum in the Deans’ Office at 986-9747 if you have questions.

## Key Club Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

By: Joanna Poole

On Halloween, DC-G High School students went trick-or-treating, but not for candy. They were collecting donations for the Kiwanis International Foundation ELIMINATE Project, which benefits UNICEF and their fight to end maternal and neonatal tetanus in developing countries.

Twenty-five Key Club members met for a Halloween party and costume contest, and then they headed out in groups to go door-to-door in Grimes. The unofficial total for the donations this year is a little over \$930. Thank you to everyone who donated to this great fundraiser! Because of your generosity, over 500 vaccines can be given in developing countries! If we missed you on Halloween, you can still donate to this cause. Send your donations to the DC-G High School c/o Key Club. Checks can be made out to Kiwanis International Foundation.



# MEADOWS NEWS

## Talented High School and Meadows Young Ladies Attend ISU Conference

By: Sandy Barker

On October 29, twenty-three young ladies, fifteen from the high school and eight from Meadows, attended the “Taking the Road Less Traveled” Conference at ISU. This conference, sponsored by the WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) program, has a goal to expose girls to majors and careers in science, math, technology, and engineering. The main message of the conference was to “Land a Dream Career” and “Change the World.”

Students heard from two keynote speakers who are both successful in their chosen fields. The opening speaker was an ISU senior majoring in Electrical Engineering who is already employed by IBM. The closing speaker majored in Chemical Engineering while at ISU and now works for General Mills.

In between these speakers, the students were able to choose four workshops to attend from many different options. Favorite workshops for our DC-G students included “Thunderstorms and Tornadoes,” “Run Your Own Chocolate Factory,” “Engineering – You have What it Takes!,” “Product Design and Marketing,” “Clinical Laboratory Science,” and “Aquatic Invasive Species.” There were many others that the students enjoyed, but hopefully those pique your interest.



This program, organized by Mrs. Barker and Ms. Darr, is held in the fall and in the spring. This group included students in grades 9 and 10, but there is an eighth grade session on a different day. ISU offers another program for students in grades 11 and 12 that runs for two days. For more information please email Sandy Barker at [sbarker@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:sbarker@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us) or Breona Darr at [bdarr@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us](mailto:bdarr@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us).

## High School and Meadows Band Concert

By: Steve Britt

The concert bands have been selected and are currently rehearsing for their December concert. The music is challenging, and they are learning new roles within each section. There is no doubt we are improving the band experience for every student. Mr. Crilly and Mr. Britt each will be directing the wind ensemble and symphonic band.

The first concert for grades 8-12 will be held on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Eighth grade students will wear concert black: white shirt, black pants, socks and shoes and should report to the high school band room by 6:30 p.m. to warm-up. There will be some great music for all, so please plan to attend.

## Ben Chadwick Finalist for Iowa Teacher of the Year

By: Lori Phillips

The DC-G staff is extremely proud of Ben Chadwick who was recently named as a 2015 Finalist for Iowa Teacher of the Year! Ben's enthusiasm for courses in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) area, his passion for educating students, and his ability to form tight connections with our community and business leaders make him the ideal choice for this honor! Ben is consistently on the cutting edge of new technologies, introducing our students to the values of drones, robots, and even virtual reality. Over the years he has been extremely influential in convincing our students to enter high-tech areas upon leaving DC-G. Ben's work has made a lasting impact on our school, and we look forward to the new ideas his vision will bring in upcoming years! Congratulations, Ben!

## Meadows Course Registration

By: Marc Juergens

Meadows students will begin the process of next year's course registration immediately following winter break. Students will be meeting during advisory to gain an overview of the registration process. We will be holding a ninth grade course information meeting on January 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for parents of students currently in eighth grade. More information on the registration process will be available as the date gets closer. The course description book for ninth grade is currently available on the Meadows website. Students will begin selecting courses following the parent meeting. Please make time to discuss, review, and sign off on your child's course planning by January 22.



## “Artist of the Month”

By: Danell Duncan

In eighth grade art, students were asked to combine two or more historical art works into a new composition. Nadya Martinez chose to use two works by Andy Warhol. After researching the images, the students used oil pastels to add color to their new compositions. Nadya did a great job of using the blending qualities of the oil pastels.



## Meadows and High School Music Spotlight



### Successful Year for the Marching Mustangs

By: Steve Britt

The marching mustangs had another extremely successful marching season. Our collaboration with the Iowa State Marching Band staff has been fruitful. We are grateful for the time and effort put forth by students, parents and staff. The fruit is in the results and the results were impressive.

- **Johnston** – This was a clinic. We had our entire show on the field. It didn't necessarily look great, but we made it through the entire show.
- **Pella Marching Invitational** - We won this competition taking first place out of ten bands!
- **Valley Fest** and **Valley Showdown** - We came in fourth place in the Valley Fest behind some outstanding groups. Winterset took first place, with Norris coming in second. Saydel rounded out the top three, and then came DC-G. In the showdown we added additional bands. Pella came in third place overall and first place in our division. Waseca took second place, and Saydel again took third. Norris placed fourth, with Oskaloosa coming in fifth, and DC-G taking sixth place.
- **State Marching** and **Waukee Marching Invitational** - We received a division I rating for the state marching contest. We were given straight one ratings on every ballot! At the Marching invitational we came in second place out of nine bands and won best color guard and best drum majors! This was a great way to end the season.

### Little Hawkeye Conference Honor Choir

By: Jim Shutt

Fifty students from the high school mixed chorus performed at the Little Hawkeye Conference Vocal Festival on November 17 in Norwalk. They got to perform with students from six other area high schools that evening. Dallas Center-Grimes performed "The Music of Living" by Dan Forrest as their select number. All-State students from all of the schools sang two of the All-State vocal selections.

### All-State Chorus

By: Jim Shutt

Congratulations to, Connor McAninch, Rachel Rich, Kole Hicok, Elaina Bayse, Carsyn Vance, and Isaac Lodwick for being selected as members of the Iowa All-State Choir. The All-State Choir got to rehearse in Ames and then performed Saturday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Hilton Coliseum.

### Jazz Band Performance Dates

The jazz band began rehearsal in October to prepare for their contest season which includes the following:

**January 16** - Community Jazz Center - Indian Hills (Clive)

**February 6** - Jack Oatts Jazz Festival - Earlham

**February 13** - SCIBA Jazz - Norwalk

**March 5** - Hoover Jazz Fest. - Des Moines

Mustang Monthly

## High School and Meadows Winter Vocal Concert

By: Jim Shutt

The Meadows and High School winter vocal concert will be December 7 at 7:00 p.m. All eighth through twelfth grade choir members will be participating. All choirs will combine for a closing number that they will be rehearsing before the doors open at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

### SCIBA Honor Band

By: Steve Britt

The following students were accepted to the 2015 SCIBA Middle School Honor Band: Gage Manges - Bari Sax; Ben Miller - Trombone; Rachel Ihde - Alto Sax. The honor band festival was held on Tuesday November 3 at Ankeny Centennial. Congratulations to our eighth grade students for their success in representing our school.

High School SCIBA Honor Band auditions will be held on Thursday, December 3, at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines. Students selected for the honor band will perform in Ankeny on Saturday, January 9.

### Show Choir Performances

By: Jim Shutt

Show Choir season is currently under way. There are three show choirs at Dallas Center-Grimes – Revelation (high school varsity), Luminosity (high school women's) and Infinity (seventh and eighth grade middle school). Below are the dates that each will be performing.

**January 9** – Des Moines Christian Competition – Luminosity and Infinity

**January 18** – Parent Preview Night – Revelation, Luminosity, and Infinity

**January 23** – Take Two Show Choir at DC-G – Revelation, Luminosity, and Infinity

**February 6** – West Liberty Competition – Revelation

**February 13** – Comet Sensation at North Polk - Revelation, Luminosity, and Infinity

**February 19** – Dutchmasters at Pella - Infinity

**February 20** – Dutchmasters at Pella – Revelation and Luminosity

**February 27** – SE Polk Competition – Revelation

**March 3** – Middle School Concert - Infinity (Final Home Concert)

**April 2** – FOFA Night - Revelation and Luminosity

### All-State Instrumentalists

By: Steve Britt

Congratulations to the instrumentalists who auditioned for All-State this year. There was tremendous growth by everyone who auditioned. Congratulations to Jay Brown for being selected as second alternate on trumpet and to Zach Jones for being selected as first alternate on bari sax. Congratulations also goes to Mikaela Dunn for being selected for the second year on clarinet to the All-State band and to Jonah Crilly for being selected to the All-State Orchestra on tuba.

### OPUS Honor Choir

By: Jim Shutt

Congratulations to Allison Koch who was recently selected for participation in the twenty-ninth annual Opus Honor Choir Festival. Over 3500 students were nominated by their directors to fill the 720 positions in the four Opus Honor Choirs. The 2015 Opus Honor Choirs performed on November 19 in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium at the Iowa State Center in Ames.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

## Middle School Band Spotlight

By: Chris Crandell

Greetings one and all from the DC-G middle school band room, where we wish you the happiest of upcoming holidays!

The sixth and seventh grade bands, 178 players strong, are busy in preparation for the December 17 holiday concert to be held at the DC-G High School Auditorium. Concert time will be 7:00 p.m. Seventh-graders should arrive at 6:30 p.m., followed by sixth-graders arriving at 6:45 p.m. As will be the case for all events, concert dress is white shirt, black pants, black shoes and socks. The concert dress is a “must” as we are a team and will be judged on that at upcoming contests.

The DC-G middle school band program was represented by two fine musicians recently at the South Central Iowa Bandmasters District Honor Band, held at Ankeny Centennial High School on November 3, 2015. Seventh-graders, Sierra Mason - Flute and Chloe Henrici - Baritone Sax were part of the White and Red Bands, respectfully. It was a great day of wonderful music. Way to go, ladies!

Solos were flying out of the band room during lessons in November. Students are not required, but strongly encouraged to work on a solo and/or a small group. Solos are a great way for students to grow as an individual and develop on their instrument. By taking on this challenge, students are “raising their personal bar!” DC-G Middle School will host its own band/choir solo contests on January 21 for the sixth-graders and February 23 for the seventh-graders. Many of these solos require an accompanist, so if you’re a piano playing parent let me know, and I’ll get you music. The school will supply an accompanist for your son/daughter should their solo call for it. Your support and encouragement is very much appreciated!

**Note To Parents:** By calling Rieman Music at 515-262-0365 you can now pay by credit card, and they will deliver your child’s reeds, oils, sticks, lesson books and other needed materials to our school every Thursday morning. With the upcoming holidays, it is a great time to upgrade the mouthpiece or reed strength, allowing your student to create an even better sound on his/her instrument. Thanks to the folks at Rieman Music for supporting music throughout our state!

## Sixth and Seventh Grade Band Calendar Dates:

**December 17, 2015** – Sixth & Seventh Grade Holiday Band Concert, 7:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium

**January 12, 2016** – Middle School Orpheus Honor Band at Simpson College, Indianola (Selected Seventh Grade Students Only)

**January 21, 2016** – Sixth Grade Band/Vocal Solo Night, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Middle School

**February 23, 2016** – Seventh Grade Band/Vocal Solo Night, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Middle School

**April 23, 2016** – SCIBA Middle School Band Festival at the High School Auditorium (Workers Will Be Needed For This Event)

**April 30, 2016** – Adventureland Middle School Band Contest at Adventureland, Altoona (Seventh Grade Band Only)

**May 17, 2016** – DC-G Parade of Bands Concert, 7:00 p.m. at the Meadows Gym



Please feel free to follow the DC-G middle school twitter account for information on what the kids are doing in the band classroom. Currently, the daily focus in band is tone quality and rhythm. Brass players are focused on spreading the teeth, dropping the jaw to get more air through their instrument. Notes should be started with a “tah” tongue/mindset to keep everything open. With woodwinds, playing with more mouthpiece in their mouth allowing a “thicker” sound is key. Getting the mouthpiece in the mouth more keeps more of the reed vibrating, thus creating that “warmer” more mellow sound. With our fine playing percussion students, the focus is being a “percussionist” not a drummer. Learning to play all their percussion equipment with correct hand position, correct striking point and hearing the correct sound is required for their success. Students are rotating on instruments in rehearsals, gaining knowledge of all things percussion everyday.

All students are challenged to focus on “toe-tapping” (softly) to keep steady rhythm. Playing his/her notes with the correct note length and at the correct time is key to all music. Lining up the musical parts in a rhythm spectrum make our songs come alive.

It is a pleasure to work daily with such fine young ladies and gentleman. If you have any questions/concerns about the DC-G middle school band program, feel free to contact me at the band office, or at [Chris.Crandell@dcschools.com](mailto:Chris.Crandell@dcschools.com), as I’m glad to help.





## Three Middle School Students Selected to Opus Honor Choir

By Beth Wilkins

Katherine Luebke, a sixth grade student, along with Kenzi Fortune and Emma Wagner, both seventh grade students at DC-G Middle School, were recently selected for participation in the thirtieth annual Opus Honor Choir Festival. Over 3000 students were nominated by their directors to fill the 720 positions available in the four Opus Honor Choirs. Selections were made by means of a recorded audition. Guest conductors of the choirs include: Ernest Reineke, Lincoln Intermediate School, Mason City Community Schools, Fifth & Sixth Grade Elementary Honor Choir; Douglas Poppen, North Fayette Valley Middle and High School, West Union, Seventh & Eighth Grade Bass Clef Honor Choir; Hannah Ryan, Johnston High School, Johnston Community Schools, Seventh & Eighth Grade Treble Clef Honor Choir;

and Julie Schnieders, retired choir director from Indianola High School, Ninth Grade Mixed Honor Choir. The 2015 Opus Honor Choirs got to perform on November 19 in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium at the Iowa State Center in Ames. The Opus Honor Choir Festival is under the auspices of the Iowa Choral Directors Association, Inc.



## Sixth and Seventh Grade Vocal Music Concert This January

By: Beth Wilkins

The sixth and seventh grade vocal students will be performing a winter concert on Monday, January 11, 2016. It will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the DC-G High School Auditorium. The sixth grade choir will be singing a variety of music, including *Pop Bottle Hoedown* complete with a pop bottle orchestra. The seventh grade choir will be singing a beautiful winter round titled, *'Twas on a Silent Winter Night*, as well as a more challenging three-part song, *Come in from the Firefly Darkness*. Please come out and support our sixth and seventh grade choirs!

## Middle School Vocal Music Spotlight

By: Beth Wilkins

We have been busy in sixth grade choir! We have been focusing on practicing and reviewing our use of solfege, a musical language that assigns hand signs to notes on the staff. We use this musical language to aid us in our ability to sing music at sight, rather than wait to hear it first. This is a wonderful tool for our kinesthetic learners too as it allows them to move, as well as visually see the relationship of the pitch on the page and distance between hand signs.

In our lessons we are in the process of searching through songbooks for the perfect song to perform for our solo/small ensemble contest. Students choose a piece, analyze the song's form, learn, memorize and add dynamics and expression to create a finished product. The sixth grade students will be performing their contest on Thursday, January 21, 2016. The seventh grade students will be performing their contest on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. Both contests will take place at Dallas Center-Grimes Middle School in Dallas Center.

The seventh grade choir has been working hard on singing three-part music. They are working to sight-read and sing parts acapella. Singing without piano accompaniment is helping them boost confidence levels and really listen closely to each other, a skill necessary for building strong choirs. Reading music continues to be a focus in seventh grade choir. Students are becoming more independent; relying on the music to guide their singing rather than hearing it played or sung first.

During lessons, seventh grade students have been working through a systematic sight-singing method book. Currently, we are studying intervals and sight-singing spans of a second and thirds. We will quickly be moving to sight-singing spans of fourths, fifths, and octaves. Soon, we will be getting our music prepared for solo/small ensemble contest as well.



## Middle School Art Spotlight

By: Vicky Myers

The middle school art spotlight is on this classic still life study by 7th grader Shara Connelly. To make these objects look realistic, Shara shaded with charcoal and tinted color with chalk pastels. Well done, Shara!



# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## Third Grade Music Field Trip to the Nutcracker

By: Michelle Breach

During the months of November and December, third-graders across the district will be busy studying the famous composer, Peter Tchaikovsky and the “Nutcracker Suite.” As a culminating activity, all third-graders in the district will be attending the Civic Center’s performance of “The Nutcracker” ballet on Friday, December 11, 2015. This trip is made possible through the Connecting Kids and Culture Grant. Connecting Kids and Culture provides culturally enriching educational opportunities for elementary students (kindergarten through fifth grade) and is made possible by contributions from the Principal Charity Classic©. The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and Bravo Greater Des Moines (Bravo) combine their contributions from the event to fund Connecting Kids and Culture.

## Fourth Grade Music Field Trip to Des Moines Play House

By: Michelle Breach

All district fourth grade students have a special opportunity to experience a live stage musical. North Ridge students will attend *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* at the Des Moines Playhouse on December 7, and Dallas Center Elementary students will attend on December 8. Students will take a fantastic musical journey with Mr. Potts and his children as they discover a car with magical properties. The production is based on the book by Ian Fleming and the MGM movie. Students will be able to interact with cast members in a question and answer session following the performance. This trip is made possible through the Connecting Kids and Culture Grant.



## South Prairie Elementary Music

By: Lisa Maifeld

Second-graders at South Prairie just finished with a Treble Clef note-naming unit. Students learned the letter names for each line and space on the staff. This skill was reinforced with partner activities, games, and finding these notes in the “Making Music” class books. Another unit, Rainbow Rhythm Reading, has just begun in second grade. Students volunteer to hook rhythm cards together and perform measures with quarter note, quarter rest, and eighth notes.

South Prairie second-graders have also started to work on their music program. The title of this year’s program is “It’s Saturday!” It will be performed in split groups on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The performances will take place in the gymnasium at South Prairie Elementary. Songs that will be performed include “Toon Time”, “Chore Song”, and “Time to Spare.” Not only have the students been focusing on using their best voices, but also using their reading skills for the script and deciding what small group they would like to be a part of. South Prairie second-graders are truly becoming very great musicians!



## Dallas Center Elementary Art

By: Linda Korpanty

The fifth grade students were occupied first quarter with learning the components of creating a yearbook cover design. The first week of this unit focused on the lettering styles appropriate for the purpose of the assignment, followed by the use of symbols representing the elementary school environment.

After each student chose the lettering and the symbols that they wanted to use, they then learned how to put all the components together to create a piece of artwork that is informative as well as pleasing to view. Their hard work became the yearbook cover designs that are now on display at the Dallas Center Elementary.

An incentive presented to the fifth grade students, other than producing an awesome piece of artwork, was the opportunity to enter into the yearbook cover design contest. The winners of the contest receive their copy for free, but more importantly receive the honor that their design is published as the cover of the yearbook for South Prairie, North Ridge, and Dallas Center Elementary.

The two winners for this year are Jillian Janssen and Megan Grimes. Congratulations to all fifth-graders for your effort in this assignment, with a special congratulation to Jilly and Megan.



## South Prairie Kindergarten Art Spotlight

By: April Busch

Kindergarten students have been learning about shape. They used shapes to draw rainbow fish with a sharpie and added details to tell a story through their art. They also used real and made up shapes for a construction paper shape collage, and finally they cut and glued shapes together to create shape monsters.





## Curriculum Corner

Heather Nerem, Director of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction

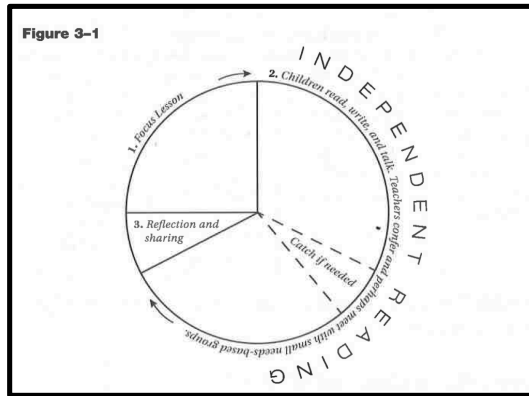
Focus on Learning

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### How is Our Reading Block Structured at DCG?

#### Readers' Workshop Model



The structure is as follows:

- Whole Group Mini-Lesson with explicit teaching by the teacher
- Students engaged in authentic reading and writing tasks (Daily 5 rounds).
  - Teacher confers 1-1 with students or meets with small groups while other students are engaged in authentic tasks.
- Teacher gathers students to reflect and share their learning.
- This process is then repeated.

#### DAILY 5

The **Daily 5** is the management structure used in your child's classroom to ensure students are engaged in meaningful, authentic literacy tasks. While the teacher is working with small groups or individual students to reinforce literacy skills and strategies taught in whole group lessons, students will be working on one of the **Daily 5** tasks—Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Work on Writing, or Word Knowledge. These tasks are designed to help students practice their strategies.

#### How Can Families Help?

- Encourage your child to read at home.
- Ensure your child is reading good fit books. Good fit books are books in which your child can read all the words and are able to understand.
- Have your child read aloud to you or take turns reading to each other aloud.
- Have discussions with your child about their reading.

### Whole Group Focus Lessons Are Focused On:

#### Comprehension

Elementary students study and read from the literature genres in fiction and nonfiction. During their reading, students learn and practice the comprehension strategies—monitor comprehension, activate and connect, ask questions, infer meaning, determine importance, and summarize and synthesize. The work we do with these strategies helps the students become more efficient readers and aides in the comprehension of information read in textbooks, newspapers, magazines, and Internet articles.

#### Phonics, Vocabulary & Spelling

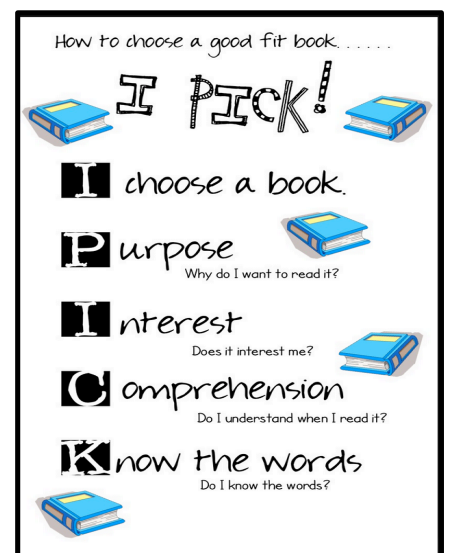
Students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are learning about letters, words and the way they work through a program called "Words Their Way." This program incorporates phonics, vocabulary, and spelling instruction. In this program students will explore word features that will get them thinking about patterns and connections of words. Words Their Way engages students in hands on, active learning that builds on what they know. This program utilizes words sorts and lessons that focus on the systematic progression of alphabet, pattern, and meaning.

Students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are also expanding their vocabulary through rich literacy exposure. Teachers read aloud various picture and chapter books focusing in on key vocabulary.

#### Fluency

Students are working toward being able to read at a smooth pace and with appropriate expression. Fluency work is focused on reading accurately, at an appropriate pace, with meaningful phrases, and with recognition of the different purposes for reading.

Students work toward becoming fluent readers by listening to reading, choral reading, reading to someone, and reading to themselves in good fit books.



# PTO NEWS



## BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our Scholastic Book Fair this fall a great success! We would not be able to make this happen without all of your help and hard work.

THANK YOU!!!!



### *our mission...*

The Dallas Center-Grimes Parent Teacher Organization works to support the students, schools, and families of all three of the district's elementary schools. Our areas of focus include raising funds to enhance the educational experiences of our children, supporting student literacy, encouraging school spirit, and sponsoring social activities for families.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### **Grimes Holiday Celebration**

December 6th 4-6 PM  
Grimes Community Center

#### **PTO Meeting**

January 11th 6:30 PM  
Meadows Media Center

#### **Skate Night**

January 14th 6-8 PM  
Skate North

#### **Bingo Night**

March 31st 6:30-7:30 PM  
South Prairie



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

We always need volunteers to help with fundraisers and events. If you want to get involved, please join us at our next meeting, or email us at [dallascentergrimespto@gmail.com](mailto:dallascentergrimespto@gmail.com)



## 2016-2017 Dallas Center-Grimes Three and Four-Year-Old Preschool Enrollment Information

### Three-Year-Old Preschool

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8:10 – 11:10 a.m.

All students must be 3 years old by September 15, 2016

### Four-Year-Old Preschool

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8:10 – 11:10 a.m. OR 12:15 – 3:15 p.m.

All students must be 4 years old by September 15, 2016

#### To Parents Interested in Preschool Enrollment:

All interested families must complete the application form on the back of this sheet (with proof of birth and proof of residency attached) and drop it off at any elementary building or mail it to the following address:

North Ridge Elementary  
PO Box 770  
Grimes, IA 50111

Please **read through the informational points below** to ensure that you understand the process and that your application is completed and returned by the indicated deadline.

- Applications will be available at all three elementary buildings in the district—North Ridge, South Prairie, and Dallas Center Elementary—as well as on the school website ([www.dcgschools.com](http://www.dcgschools.com))
- All applications must be **returned or postmarked by January 31, 2016**. No phone calls will be accepted in place of the application—no exceptions.
- When determining class rosters, resident special education and at-risk students are placed first. For the remaining applications, we will **randomly distribute students** in sections according to gender and the daycare center they attend (if applicable) using those applications that are returned or post marked by January 31, 2016.
- Resident students of the Dallas Center-Grimes School District and siblings of current open-enrolled students will be considered first for enrollment in the preschool program.
- **Filling out this application does not guarantee you a spot in the preschool program.**
- Out of district students are welcome to fill out an application but will be placed **only** if there are remaining spots available. This may not be determined until school starts in August.
- The cost for the **3-year-old program is currently \$175 per month** plus a \$25 one-time registration fee; however, these amounts could be subject to change.
- At this time, the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program funds our district's 4-year-old program, and the only cost to parents is the \$25 one-time registration fee. We are unable to fully guarantee this funding or available spots until next summer.
- Please **DO NOT send registration fees** at this time along with this application.
- Due to increasing enrollment within our district, **attendance locations and classroom assignments will not be assigned until July 2016** at the earliest.
- After the deadline date of January 31, 2016, applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis until all spots are filled.

If you have any questions about the information listed above, please call the North Ridge Elementary office at 515-986-5674. We appreciate your interest in enrollment and look forward to having your children as part of our district's preschool program!

## 2016-2017 Dallas Center-Grimes Three and Four-Year-Old Preschool Enrollment Application

- ❖ All students applying for the 3-year-old program must be 3 by September 15, 2016.
- ❖ All students applying for the 4-year-old program must be 4 by September 15, 2016.

Please mark the class for which you are enrolling:

- Three-Year-Old Class**       **Four-Year-Old Class**

**1. My child will be attending the following daycare center: (if applicable)**

1st Steps    Grimes Child Dev. Center    Learning Center    Kids Korner    Tender Years    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ All 4-year-old students attending any daycare center will be placed in the afternoon session. (This applies to the North Ridge Elementary location)
- ❖ If your daycare changes, please notify North Ridge Elementary immediately.
- ❖ North Ridge Elementary does not offer before or after school childcare for preschool age students.

**2. Student Information:**

Legal Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  M    F      Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_      Suffix (Jr, III): \_\_\_\_\_  
month      day      year

**3. Household Information:**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Step-Mother/Guardian: (circle one)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last)                      (First)

Address is same as student      If not, please list below:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Step-Father/Guardian: (circle one)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last)                      (First)

Address is same as student      If not, please list below:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Siblings:**

Last Name	First Name	Grade (2016-2017)	Building He/She Attends (South Prairie, North Ridge, Meadows, etc.)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**5. Attach a copy of "Proof of Date of Birth" with this application.** (application will be incomplete if not submitted)

**6. Attach a copy of "Proof of Residency" with this application.** (ex: utility bill with name & address, lease/mortgage statement, etc)  
 (application will be incomplete if not submitted)

**7. If you need to provide additional information, please do so here:**

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**8. This is an application for enrollment only. Do not send the \$25 registration fee at this time.**  
 (Please note - A copy of immunization records and most recent Wells Child Exam will be needed along with formal registration)

Office Use Only:  
 Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Verification of DOB: \_\_\_\_\_



# December Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p><b>4:30pm Wrestling-Middle School Dallas Center-Grimes HS vs. Multiple Schools</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Marshalltown</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Away vs. Johnston MS Gold</b></p> <p><b>4:45pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Away vs. Urbandale</b></p> <p><b>4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Away vs. Urbandale</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Away vs. Urbandale</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Away vs. Urbandale</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm FOFA Meeting</b></p> <p><b>7:30pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Away vs. Urbandale</b></p> <p><b>7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Away vs. Urbandale</b></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>SCIBA Honor Band Auditions</p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Away vs. Boone</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Wrestling-Middle School Ames vs. Multiple Schools</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Norwalk</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Away vs. Pella</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Away vs. Pella</b></p> <p><b>6:30pm Wrestling-JV Norwalk</b></p> <p><b>6:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Norwalk</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Away vs. Waukee</b></p> <p><b>7:15pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Away vs. Pella</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p>Drake Honor Band Festival</p> <p><b>4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Pella</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Pella</b></p> <p><b>Community School District</b></p> <p><b>7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Pella</b></p> <p><b>Community School District</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Drake Honor Band Festival</p> <p><b>8:00am-12:00pm Show Choir Rehearsal @ DCG HS Auditorium</b></p> <p><b>9:00am Wrestling-JV Away vs. Winterset</b></p> <p><b>10:00am Wrestling-Varsity Dallas Center-Grimes HS vs. Multiple Schools</b></p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Away vs. Norwalk</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm 8-12 Vocal Concert @ DCG HS Auditorium</b></p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Away vs. Ames</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Away vs. Greene County</b></p> <p><b>4:45pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Perry Community</b></p> <p><b>4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Perry Community</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Perry Community</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Perry Community</b></p> <p><b>7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Perry Community</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Dismiss at 1:00-Staff Development</p> <p><b>6:00pm Booster Club Meeting @ High School Commons</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>4:30pm Wrestling-Middle School Dallas Center-Grimes HS vs. Multiple Schools</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Away vs. Norwalk</b></p> <p><b>6:30pm Wrestling-JV Away vs. Grinnell</b></p> <p><b>6:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Away vs. Grinnell</b></p> <p><b>6:30pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Away vs. Norwalk</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Southeast Polk</b></p> <p><b>7:15pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Away vs. Norwalk</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Boone</b></p> <p><b>4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Norwalk</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Norwalk</b></p> <p><b>7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Norwalk</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p>SCIBA Jazz Band</p> <p><b>9:00am Basketball-B/9th Grade Urbandale</b></p> <p><b>10:00am Wrestling-Varsity Away vs. Ankeny Centennial</b></p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Indianola</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Away vs. Marshalltown</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm 8-12 Band Concert @ DCG HS Auditorium</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>4:15pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Ballard</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Southeast Polk</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Away vs. Ballard</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Away vs. Ballard</b></p> <p><b>4:30pm Wrestling-Middle School Dowling Catholic vs. Multiple Schools</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Away vs. Ballard</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Away vs. Ballard</b></p> <p><b>7:30pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Away vs. Ballard</b></p> <p><b>7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Away vs. Ballard</b></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Ames</b></p> <p><b>5:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Des Moines North vs. Multiple Schools</b></p> <p><b>5:30pm Wrestling-JV Des Moines North vs. Multiple Schools</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Away vs. Johnston</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm 6/7 Band Concert @ DCG HS Auditorium</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Fort Dodge</b></p> <p><b>4:45pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Away vs. Newton</b></p> <p><b>4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Away vs. Newton</b></p> <p><b>5:30pm Wrestling-JV Away vs. Indianola</b></p> <p><b>6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Away vs. Newton</b></p> <p><b>6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Away vs. Newton</b></p> <p><b>7:30pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Away vs. Newton</b></p> <p><b>7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Away vs. Newton</b></p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>10:00am Wrestling-Varsity Away vs. Fort Dodge</b></p> <p><b>12:00pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Adel</b></p> <p><b>12:00pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Adel</b></p> <p><b>DeSoto Minburn CSD</b></p> <p><b>1:15pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Adel</b></p> <p><b>DeSoto Minburn CSD</b></p> <p><b>1:15pm Basketball-G/JV Adel DeSoto Minburn CSD</b></p> <p><b>2:30pm Basketball-G/Varsity Adel</b></p> <p><b>DeSoto Minburn CSD</b></p> <p><b>4:00pm Basketball-B/Varsity Adel</b></p> <p><b>DeSoto Minburn CSD</b></p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Carlisle</b></p> <p><b>7:00pm School Board Meeting @ DCG - Northridge Elementary</b></p> <p><b>7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Carlisle</b></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>26</p>
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# Dallas Center Grimes Breakfast Menu

# DECEMBER 2015

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY



Mini Pancakes or Waffles **1**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Apple Juice  
Milk

Blueberry Delight **2**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

Bosco Stick **3**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Orange Juice  
Milk

Tex Mex Breakfast Boat **4**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

Breakfast Pizza **7**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Canned Fruit  
Milk

Cinni Mini's or  
Cinnamon Roll **8**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Apple Juice  
Milk

Breakfast Banana  
Split/Granola Yogurt Parfait **9**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

WG Donut Holes or  
Long John **10**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Orange Juice  
Milk

Mini Pancakes or Waffles **11**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

Breakfast Pizza **14**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Canned Fruit  
Milk

Mini Pancakes or Waffles **15**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Apple Juice  
Milk

Blueberry Delight **16**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

Bosco Stick **17**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Orange Juice  
Milk

Tex Mex Breakfast Boat **18**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Fresh Fruit  
Milk

Breakfast Pizza **21**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Canned Fruit  
Milk

Cinni Mini's or  
Cinnamon Roll **22**  
OR  
Choice of WG Cereal  
Graham Crackers  
Vegetable Selection  
Apple Juice  
Milk

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Adult	\$1.80
Extra Entrée	\$1.25

### HARVEST OF THE MONTH



### EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate  
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# DECEMBER 2015

## MONDAY



## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

**French Toast Sticks** 7  
Cinnamon Apple Slices, Ham  
and Tri Tator

**Cravin Crasin Salad**  
Deli Sub

Corn  
Tomato Slices  
Celery Sticks  
Seasonal Fruit

**Soft Tacos w/ Lettuce,** 1  
**Cheese, Salsa**  
**Potato Ole**

**Pretzel Bites**  
w/ **Cheese Cubes**  
Deli Sub

Chopped Lettuce  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Celery Sticks  
Seasonal Fruit

**Cheese Bread w/ Marinara** 2  
**Sauce and Pasta Salad**  
**WG Brownie**

**Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad**  
**Pasta Salad**  
**WG Brownie**

Broccoli  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Celery Sticks  
Seasonal Fruit

**Salisbury Steak** 3  
**Mashed Potatoes and Gravy**  
**Dinner Roll**

**Combo Sliders**  
**Chicken Caesar Salad**

Kidney Beans  
Cherry Tomatoes  
Seasonal Fruit

**Pizza Parlor Pizza** 4  
**Garlic Herb Broccoli**

**Yogurt Pack**  
**Chef Salad**

Baby Carrots  
Cauliflower  
Seasonal Fruit

**Chicken Nuggets** 8  
**Mashed Potatoes with Gravy**  
**WG Dinner Roll**

**Chef Salad**  
**Tuna Salad on Wheat**

Baby Carrots  
Cauliflower  
Seasonal Fruit

**Spaghetti & Meat Sauce** 9  
**Garlic Bread**

**Popeye Salad**  
Deli Sub

Broccoli  
Celery Sticks  
Seasonal Fruit

**Beefy Nachos** 10  
**with Cheese Sauce**  
**Black Beans**

**Popeye Salad**  
**Ham Pinwheel**

Cauliflower  
Tomatoes  
Seasonal Fruit

**Sweet & Sour Chicken Bites** 11  
**Fried Rice**  
**Broccoli**

**Crispy Chicken Salad**  
**Deli Sandwich**

Baby Carrots  
Garbanzo Beans  
Seasonal Fruit

**Chicken Tenders** 14  
**Mashed Potatoes and Gravy**  
**1 WG Bread Slices**

**WG Chips, Salsa**  
**Cheese Cubes**

Broccoli Florets  
Radishes  
Seasonal Fruit

**Pizza Parlor Pizza** 15  
**Roasted Cauliflower**

**Turkey BLT Salad**  
Deli Sub

Baby Carrots  
Cauliflower  
Seasonal Fruit

**Walking Taco** 16  
**Savory Pinto Beans**

**Chef Salad**  
Deli Sandwich

Baby Spinach  
Pepper Medley  
Seasonal Fruit

**Italian Meatball Sub** 17  
**Chicken Noodle Soup**

**Taco Salad**  
Deli Sandwich

Tomato Slices  
Celery Sticks  
Seasonal Fruit

**Corn Dog** 18  
**Macaroni and Cheese**  
**Green Peas**

**Pretzel Bites**  
w/ **Cheese Cubes**  
**Chicken Caesar Salad**

Baby Carrots  
Broccoli Florets  
Seasonal Fruit

**Pork and Gravy** 21  
**Mashed Potatoes and Gravy**  
**2 WG Bread/WG Cookie**

**Turkey BLT Wrap**  
**Chef Salad**

Celery Sticks  
Cauliflower  
Seasonal Fruit

**Cheeseburger on WG Bun** 22  
**Sweet Potato Fries**  
**Fruited Gelatin**

**Yogurt Pack**  
**Chicken Caesar Salad**  
**WG Cookie**

Romaine Lettuce  
Baby Carrots  
Beets  
Seasonal Fruit

**Walking Taco** 23  
**Savory Pinto Beans**

**Sweet Potato Fries** 24

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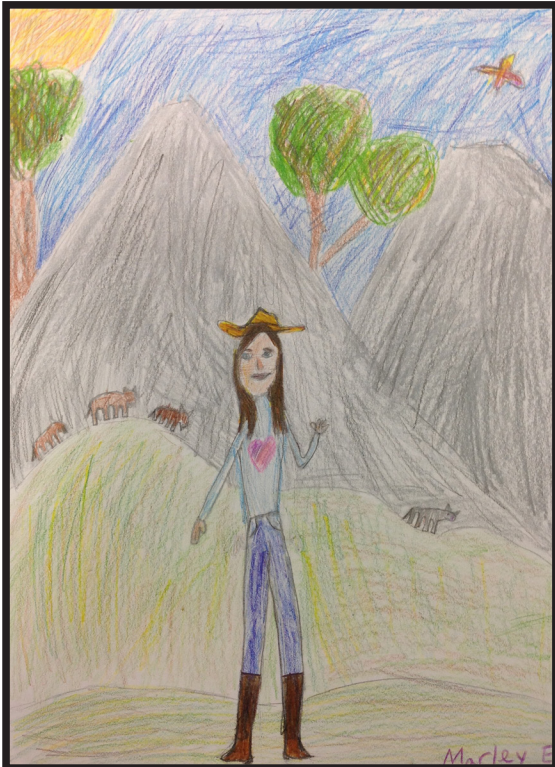
### North Ridge Elementary Artist of the Month

By Kayde Sberal

Third-grader Marley Eickelberg was awarded “Artist of the Month” for November for her outstanding attention to detail and craftsmanship in her Frida Kahlo inspired self-portrait. The students focused on proportion and color mixing this month.

Fourth-graders Isabelle Soultis and Olivia Cyr were also awarded “Artists of the Month” for November. Isabelle Soultis was awarded for her outstanding level of creativity and attention to detail. The fourth grade classes were learning about Zentangles, which is made up of lines and patterns repeating to help us relax or meditate.

Olivia Cyr was awarded “Artist of the Month” for her realistic pumpkin drawing. The students used value to make the pumpkins look round. They drew from a still life and used their imagination to create a background.



Above: Third grade student Marley Eickelberg was awarded “Artist of the Month” for her self-portrait.



Above: Fourth-grader Isabelle Soultis was awarded “Artist of the Month” for her Zentangle. Below: Fourth-grader Olivia Cyr was awarded “Artist of the Month” for her realistic pumpkin drawing.

